

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING DISPATCH SCAN IN A
CDMA COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

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Abstract of the Disclosure

- A CDMA base site provides dispatch group call service to members of a dispatch group by using a first long-code mask. The base site also repeatedly transmits the group call's channel assignment so that a
- 10 scanning communication unit can detect that the call is active. In order for the scanning communication unit to decode the dispatch communication once the call is detected, it requests a long-code mask transition from the base site. The base site then transmits a new long-code mask and begins encoding the dispatch communication using the new mask. Thus, the
- 15 scanning communication unit is able decode the communication and thereby join the active CDMA dispatch group call.